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CONGRESSIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN CAUCUS

July 22, 2020

Dear Reps. Cole and Haaland,

As the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Native American Caucus, your unwavering, nonpartisan support for Indian Country is vitally important, and I am honored to work alongside you to support tribal nations and Native communities. Your leadership is especially crucial as we push for the support tribal leaders need to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis, which is causing disproportionate harm to Native Americans.

As the House prepares to bring the fiscal year 2021 appropriations bills to the floor, I wanted to share the enclosed document, which highlights many accounts across the various appropriations bills that support tribal governments and Native American families. These federal investments in health, education, economic development, housing, and much more are critical to Indian Country. While the document is not exhaustive, I thought it would be helpful for you and your staff to have on hand. I will also be sharing this with the other members of the Caucus.

As Chair of the Interior-Environment Appropriations Subcommittee and Co-Chair Emeritus of the Caucus, I continue to care deeply about meeting our trust and treaty obligations to Native Americans and working closely with tribal leaders to ensure adequate federal funding.

If there is anything I can do to be of assistance to the Caucus or your respective offices in the future, please do not hesitate to let me know. Thank you again for your commitment and leadership on these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Betty McCollum".

Betty McCollum  
Member of Congress

## **FY21 Tribal Accounts**

### **Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies**

1. Program: FNS, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$134,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$134,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$160,231,000
2. Program: FNS, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$3,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$3,000,000
3. Report Language:  
Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, Demonstration Project for Tribal Organizations: The Committee continues to support the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) program and the ability of tribal organization to enter into 638 self-determination contracts for the procurement of FDPIR foods, which promotes tribal sovereignty and allows tailoring of this vital program to meet specific tribal cultural and local needs. The Committee includes \$3,000,000 for the 638 Tribal Self Governance Demonstration Program for Tribal Organizations as described in Section 4003 of P.L. 115-334. The Committee encourages FNS, in collaboration with AMS, to provides information to the FDPIR community on how tribal vendors can sell foods to USDA for use in food distribution programs. The Secretary is directed to notify the Committee on the Department's efforts to engage tribes in the demonstration program and tribal participation in fiscal year 2020.
4. Report Language:  
Review of Nutrition Programs: The Committee encourages the Secretary to review Department-wide nutrition programs, with the full participation of Indian tribes and tribal organization, to consider way in which more Native foods can be incorporated into these programs where possible and the possibility of allowing tribes to provide input into federal nutritional guidance that reflects unique Indian tribal need.
5. Report Language:  
Rural Business Cooperative Service, Rural Business Program Account: ...and \$4,000,000 for Federally Recognized Native American Tribes, of which \$250,000 is for transportation technical assistance.
6. Program: NIFA, Research and Education Activities, Research Grants for 1994 Institutions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$3,800,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$3,801,000

7. Program: NIFA, Research and Education Activities, Tribal Colleges Education Equity Grants  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,500,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$3,439,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$4,000,000
8. Program: NIFA, Extension Activities, Smith-Lever 3(d), Federally Recognized Tribes Extension Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$3,200,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$3,039,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$3,200,000
9. Program: NIFA, Extension Activities, Extension Services at 1994 Institutions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$8,500,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$6,446,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$8,000,000
10. Program: NIFA, Native American Institutions Endowment Fund  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$11,857,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$11,857,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$11,880,000
11. Program: Rural Development, Rural Housing Service, Rural Community Facilities, Tribal Colleges Essential Community Facilities  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$5,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$10,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$5,000,000
12. Report Language:  
Indian Country Broadband: The Committee urges the USDA to responsibly and efficiently take action to increase access to broadband on rural Tribal lands and supports consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and entities related to Hawaiian homelands.

## **Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies**

1. **Bill Language:**  
Tribal Access to Office of Justice Programs: Provided further, That 10 percent of the total amount available for this grant program shall be available for grants under the program authorized by section 2015 of the 1968 Act: Provided further, That the definitions and grant conditions in section 40002 of the 1994 Act shall apply to this program.
2. **Bill Language:**  
Tribal Access to Crime Victims Fund: Provided, that notwithstanding section 1402(d) of such Act, of the amounts available from the Fund for obligation, 5 percent shall be available to the Office for Victims of Crime for grants, consistent with the requirements of the Victims of Crime Act, to Indian tribes to improve services for victims of crime.
3. **Report Language:**  
Native American Business Development: The Committee provides not less than \$3,000,000 for MBDA to award grants to tribes and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian populations to address barriers to economic development. MBDA shall continue full implementation of Public Laws 106-477 and 106-464 and to fulfill the mission of the Office of Native American Business Development.
4. **Program: DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women, Tribal Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction**  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,300,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$4,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$4,000,000
5. **Program: DOJ, Office on Violence Against Women, Indian Country – Sexual Assault Clearinghouse**  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$500,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$500,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$500,000
6. **Program: DOJ, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Tribal Youth Program**  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$5,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$5,000,000
7. **Program: DOJ, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Tribal Criminal and Civil Legal Assistance Grants, Training and Technical Assistance**  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$47,500,000 for Civil Legal Assistance Program  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$2,000,000

8. Program: DOJ, COPS Hiring Grants, Tribal Access Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$3,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$3,000,000
9. Program: DOJ, Community Oriented Policing Services, Tribal Law Enforcement  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$19,570,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$11,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$27,000,000
10. Program: National Science Foundation, Tribal Colleges and Universities Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$18,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$931,000,000 for general Education and Human Resources account  
FY20 Enacted: \$15,000,000

## **Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies**

1. Report Language:  
DOE, Tribal Indian Energy Loan Guarantee Program: The Committee rejects the budget proposal to eliminate this program and provides \$2,000,000. The Committee also rejects the budget proposal to rescind \$8,500,000 appropriated by Public Law 115–31. The Department is encouraged to take formal steps to market this program and ensure the program’s availability, benefits, and application process are made known to potential applicants who are ready to seek financing.
2. Program: DOE, Tribal Indian Energy Loan Guarantee Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: (\$-8,500,000)  
FY20 Enacted: \$2,000,000
3. Program: DOE, Energy Programs, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs:  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$22,250,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$8,005,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$22,000,000
4. Report Language:  
DOE, National Nuclear Security Administration, Stockpile Research, Technology, and Engineering: Academic Programs: Within Academic Programs, \$35,000,000 shall be for the Minority Serving Institution Partnership Program and \$5,000,000 shall be for Tribal Colleges and Universities.
5. Report Language:  
DOE, Nuclear Energy, Integrated Waste Management System: Within available funds, the Department is directed to continue site preparation activities at stranded sites, to evaluate the re-initiation of regional transport, and undertake transportation coordination efforts. Additionally, the Committee notes that spent nuclear fuel is in many cases located in or near cities and Indian reservations. As the Department continues to plan for an integrated waste management system for our nation’s spent nuclear fuel, the Committee encourages the Department to include planning for the removal of spent nuclear fuel from sites located near cities and Indian reservations.

## **Financial Services and General Government**

1. Program: Community Development Financial Institutions, American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian communities:  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$16,000,000  
FY20 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$16,000,000
2. Program: Small Business Administration, Entrepreneurial Development Programs, Native American Outreach:  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,000,000  
FY20 Budget Request: \$150,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$2,000,000
3. Report Language:  
\$1,800,00 to the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation: The General Fund payment to the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Trust Fund is invested in Treasury securities with maturities suitable to the needs of the Fund. Interest earnings from the investments are used to carry out the activities of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation. The Foundation awards scholarships, fellowships, and grants, and funds activities of the Udall Center. The Foundation also supports training programs for professionals in healthcare policy and public policy, such as the Native Nations Institute (NNI). NNI, based at the University of Arizona, provides Native Americans with leadership and management training and analyzes policies relevant to tribes.
4. Report Language:  
Tribal Access to Broadband: The Committee urges the FCC to responsibly and efficiently take action to increase access to broadband on Tribal lands and supports consultation with Federally recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and entities related to Hawaiian home lands to help close the digital divide. The FCC is encouraged to use all available resources to increase funding for consultation with Federally recognized Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages, and entities related to Hawaiian home lands; other work by the Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP); and associated work from other bureaus and offices in support of ONAP.

## **Homeland Security**

1. Program: Tribal Security Grant Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$15,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$331,939,000 for State Homeland Security Grant Program  
FY20 Enacted: \$15,000,000
2. Bill Language:  
Customs and Border Protection Transfer to BIA Roads: That not to exceed \$5,000,000 may be transferred to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the maintenance and repair of roads on Native American reservations used by the U.S. Border Patrol

## **Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies**

### **Notes:**

- Large sections of the Interior Bill and Report deal with tribal accounts and issues, in particular under the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), and the Indian Health Service (IHS). A top-level overview and some highlights are listed below. Please see the bill and report for more details.
- Within both BIA and IHS, Contract Support Costs are fully funded, and a new indefinite appropriation has been created for Section 105(l) lease payments.
- Title V – Additional Infrastructure Investments (emergency): In addition to the amounts detailed below, the bill includes \$500 million for the Bureau of Indian Education school construction, and \$1.5 billion for the Indian Health Service health care facilities.

#### **1. Report Language:**

Tribal Consultation: The Committee notes with concern the frustrations heard from Tribes about agency failures to conduct “true” and “meaningful” government-to-government consultation. Although the level of frustration varies by agency and event, the common theme is that while most consultations solicit input and feedback from Tribes, the communication is one way and fails to return feedback to Tribes. Tribes often report that they don’t know whether and how their input is considered. On decisions made in consultation with Tribes, the Committee expects agencies funded in this bill to publish decision rationale in the context of and in reasonable detail to the Tribal input received during consultation.

#### **2. Program: Bureau of Indian Affairs**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,183,938,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$1,907,881,000

FY20 Enacted: \$2,032,124,000

#### **3. Program: BIA—Human Services**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$166,755,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$87,490,000

FY20 Enacted: \$155,685,000

#### **4. Program: BIA—Natural Resources Management**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$240,369,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$209,726,000

FY20 Enacted: \$226,819,000

#### **5. Program: BIA—Public Safety and Justice**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$455,346,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$423,722,000

FY20 Enacted: \$434,326,000

#### **6. Program: BIA—Indian Land and Water Claim Settlements & Misc. Payments**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$45,644,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$43,904,000

FY20 Enacted: \$45,644,000



7. Program: BIA—Indian Guaranteed Loan Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$11,797,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$931,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$11,779,000
8. Program: BIA—Construction  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$128,818,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$59,759,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$126,591,000
9. Program: Bureau of Indian Education  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$1,230,974,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$944,544,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$1,191,334,000
10. Program: BIE—Operation of Indian Programs (Elementary, Secondary & Higher Ed)  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$981,697,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$875,659,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$943,077,000
11. Program: BIE—Construction  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$249,277,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$68,885,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$248,257,000
12. Program: Indian Health Service  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$6,492,191,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$6,293,568,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$6,047,094,000
13. Program: IHS—Clinical Services  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,127,177,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$4,177,800,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$3,934,831,000
14. Program: IHS—Clinical Services –Mental Health  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$132,740,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$128,228,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$108,933,000
15. Program: IHS—Clinical Services –Alcohol and Substance Abuse  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$259,937,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$235,745,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$245,603,000

16. Program: IHS—Preventive Health  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$182,383,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$141,627,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$177,567,000
17. Program: IHS—Urban Indian Health  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$66,127,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$49,636,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$57,684,000
18. Program: IHS—Indian Health Professions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$72,299,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$51,683,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$65,314,000
19. Program: IHS—Facilities  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$934,994,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$769,455,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$911,889,000
20. Program: USFWS—Tribal Wildlife Grants  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$6,209,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$5,209,000
21. Program: NPS—Historic Preservation—Tribal Offices  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$15,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$5,738,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$13,735,000
22. Report Language: NPS  
\$1,907,000 for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Grants: The Committee recommends \$1,907,000 for Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Grants.
23. Report Language: NPS  
\$1,250,000 for the American Indian and Native Hawaiian Art and Culture Grants: The Committee recommends \$1,250,000 American Indian and Native Hawaiian Art and Culture Grants.
24. Program: EPA—State & Tribal Assistance Grants—Tribal Air Quality Management  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$14,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$8,963,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$12,829,000

25. Program: EPA—State & Tribal Assistance Grants—Tribal General Assistance Program  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$72,500,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$44,233,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$65,476,000
26. Program: Institute of American Indian & Alaska Native Culture and Arts Development  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$10,772,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$10,710,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$10,458,000
27. Report Language:  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
The Committee commends the NEH for its ongoing support to American Indian and Alaska Native communities in preserving their cultural and linguistic heritage through the Documenting Endangered Languages program and a variety of preservation and access grants that enable American Indian and Alaska Native communities to preserve cultural artifacts and make them broadly accessible. The Committee also commends the NEH for providing educational opportunities for Tribal communities through the Humanities Initiatives at Tribal Colleges and Universities program.

## **Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies**

### **Education**

1. Program: ED—Indian Education  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$181,239,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$180,739,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$180,739,000
2. Bill Language: HHS, ACF, Head Start—TCU-Head Start Partnership Program  
FY21 Committee Bill Language:  
\$4,000,000 shall be available for the purposes of the Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program consistent with section 648(g) of such Act. Pg. 89
3. Report Language:  
ED, Indian Education, National Activities—STEP and Native Languages: National Activities:  
The Committee recommends \$7,858,000 for National Activities, which is \$500,000 above the fiscal year 2020 enacted level and the fiscal year 2021 budget request. The fiscal year 2021 increase to National Activities is directed to support the Department's Native American language immersion grant program.  
  
Within this account, funding is provided for grants to Tribes for education administrative planning, development, and coordination, grants to support Native language immersion schools and programs. Funds under this authority also support research, evaluation and data collection to provide information about the educational status of Indian students and the effectiveness of Indian education programs.
4. Program: ED, HEA—Title III-A Grants to Tribal Colleges  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$38,800,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$36,663,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$36,663,000
5. Program: ED—Impact Aid  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$1,491,112,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$1,410,799,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$1,486,112,000
6. Program: ED—Education for Native Hawaiians  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$37,897,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$36,897,000
7. Program: ED—Alaska Native Education Equity  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$35,953,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$35,953,000

8. Program: ED—Strengthening Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,707,000  
FY21 Budget Request: Proposed consolidation into single Minority Serving Institution grant  
FY20 Enacted: \$4,444,000
9. Program: ED—Strengthening Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$19,405,000  
FY21 Budget Request: Proposed consolidation into single Minority Serving Institution grant  
FY20 Enacted: \$18,320,000
10. Program: ED, HEA—Tribally-controlled Voc/Tech Institutions  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$10,592,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$10,000,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$10,000,000

#### **Labor**

11. Program: Department of Labor—Native American Programs  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$55,500,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$55,000,000

#### **Health and Human Services**

12. Program: HHS, Children and Family Services Programs—Native American Programs  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$60,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$57,275,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$56,050,000
13. Program: HHS, CDC—Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$23,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$0  
FY20 Enacted: \$21,000,000
14. Report Language:  
HHS, ACF, Native American Programs: The agreement includes \$15,000,000 for Native American language preservation activities, and not less than \$6,000,000 for language immersion programs authorized by section 803C(b)(7)(A)-(C) of the Native American Programs Act, as amended by the Esther Martinez Native American Language Preservation Act of 2006.
15. Program: HHS, Administration for Community Living— Native American Caregiver Support Services  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$12,306,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$10,306,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$10,306,000

16. Program: HHS, Administration for Community Living— Native American Nutrition and Supportive Services

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$37,208,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$34,700,000

FY20 Enacted: \$34,700,000

17. Report Language:

HHS, National Cancer Institute, Reducing Native American Cancer Disparities: The Committee encourages NCI to expand research efforts to reduce Native American cancer disparities, including through NCI's continued participation in the trans-NIH Intervention Research to Improve Native American Health (IRINAH) program. The Committee notes that the Native American population experiences an overall cancer incidence and mortality rates which are much higher than non-Native populations. The goal of intensifying research in this area is to develop durable capacity for tribally-engaged cancer disparities research through an integrated program of research, education, outreach, and clinical access.

18. Program: HHS, CDC— Suicide Prevention Activities

- Zero Suicide, American Indian and Alaska Native Set-Aside

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,200,000

- American Indian and Alaska Native Suicide Prevention

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,931,000

19. Report Language:

HHS, HIV Related Programs: Tribal Set-aside: The Committee notes that, according to the CDC, HIV-positive status among Native Americans is increasing and nearly one-in-five HIV-positive Native Americans is unaware of their status. In addition, only three-in-five receive care and less than half are virally suppressed. To increase access to HIV/AIDS, testing, prevention, and treatment, the Committee includes \$3,000,000 as a Tribal set-aside within the Minority HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment program.

**Related Agencies**

20. Program: Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)— Native American Library Services

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$5,263,000

## **Legislative Branch**

1. Report Language:  
Depictions of Native Americans: The Committee included language in its fiscal year 2020 report regarding depictions of Native Americans in the Capitol Complex and is pleased that the Architect is working with interested Members and appears to be making progress on implementing those recommendations. The Committee encourages the Architect to continue these efforts.
2. Report Language:  
Outreach to Minority-Serving Institutions: The Committee encourages the Library of Congress to increase cooperative partnerships, fellowship opportunities, and curriculum program associations with community colleges, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic-serving institutions, Asian American and native American Pacific Islander-serving institutions, American Indian Tribally-controlled colleges and universities, Alaska native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions, and other minority serving-institutions.
3. Bill language that calls for the removal of all confederate statues and busts from the US Capitol, including Roger B. Taney, Charles Brantley Aycock, John Caldwell Calhoun, and James Paul Clarke

## **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies**

1. Program: Native American Veteran Housing Loan Program Account  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$1,186,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$1,163,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$1,149,000

## **State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs**

1. Report Language:  
Independent Agencies, Inter-American Foundation: ...Within the increase recommended for fiscal year 2021, sufficient funds are available to support a pilot exchange program between indigenous Inter-American Foundation grantees and Native American tribes.

## **Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies**

### **Transportation:**

1. Report Language:  
Tribal transportation programs (TTP): The Committee recognizes that providing safe and adequate transportation over the more than 160,000 miles of roads and trails within Indian reservations, Indian lands, and Alaska Native Village communities is crucial for the safety and welfare of tribal and surrounding non-tribal communities. A prime objective of the TTP is to contribute to the economic development, self-determination, and employment of Indians and Native Americans. In recognition of the consolidation of multiple tribal transportation programs, the Committee has included \$30,000,000 of additional funding for the Tribal Transportation Program, to encourage the Department to ensure potentially overlooked high priority projects, particularly needed by smaller tribes, be addressed by this program.
2. Report Language:  
Study on tribal transportation: The Committee provides \$2,000,000 for research that leads to decreases in highway and pedestrian fatalities among tribal populations. This research should build on reports mandated in the FAST Act and should be competitively awarded to state governments, academic institutions, or nonprofits which have existing partnerships among tribal governments as well as traffic safety and transportation research expertise. Research should focus on priority areas identified in FHWA's 2018 report "Options for Improving Transportation Safety in Tribal Areas".
3. Report Language:  
Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP): The Committee is concerned about the lack of tribal input in regards to the restructuring of the TTAP. As the current two-year pilot program ends, the Committee directs FHWA to ensure proper tribal consultation as the agency decides how to proceed so that tribal nations receive appropriate technical assistance and capacity building opportunities.

### **Housing and Urban Development:**

1. Program: Office of Public and Indian Housing  
FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$245,000,000  
FY21 Budget Request: \$236,439,000  
FY20 Enacted: \$227,000,000
2. Report Language:  
Public and tribal housing inspections: The Committee provides additional resources for public and tribal housing to support ongoing public housing financial and physical assessment activities, continue work on a new physical inspection process, and implement the recommendations made in the March 2019 Government Accountability Office (GAO) report "Real Estate Inspection Center: HUD Should Improve Physical Inspection Process and Oversight of Inspectors" (GAO-19-254).



3. Report Language:

Vouchers for homeless Native American veterans: The Committee provides \$2,500,000 for rental assistance and associated administrative costs for the Tribal HUD–VASH program to serve Native American veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness living on or near a reservation, or other Indian areas. This program was first funded in fiscal year 2015, and because of the unique nature of the program, a separate renewal line is required. These resources are in addition to the VASH appropriations.

The Committee recognizes that the rural and remote nature of many Native communities presents unique barriers to hiring and retaining qualified professionals who meet the VA standards for case managers. The Committee encourages HUD to continue working collaboratively with the VA and Tribal HUD–VASH funding recipients to implement their program. In addition, the Committee urges HUD to ensure that Tribal HUD–VASH funding recipients unable to fully implement their program due to challenges hiring and retaining case managers are not treated inequitably due to delays, particularly in performance evaluations and when applying for continued funding.

4. Program: Native American Programs

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$835,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$600,000,000

FY20 Enacted: \$825,000,000

5. Program: Native American Programs, Native American Housing Block Grants—Formula

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$646,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$600,000,000

FY20 Enacted: \$646,000,000

6. Program: Native American Programs, Title VI Loan Program

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$2,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$N/A

FY20 Enacted: \$2,000,000

7. Program: Native American Programs, Native American Housing Block Grants—Competitive

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$110,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$N/A

FY20 Enacted: \$100,000,000

8. Program: Native American Programs, Indian Community Development Block Grants

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$70,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$N/A

FY20 Enacted: \$70,000,000

9. Program: Native American Programs, Training and Technical Assistance

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$7,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$N/A

FY20 Enacted: \$7,000,000

**10. Report Language:**

**Formula grant overfunding:** The Native American Housing Block Grants—Formula program allocation is based on need as measured in part by current assisted housing stock. However, housing data used to calculate allocations in any given year often contains inaccuracies that are subsequently corrected. These data revisions result in some Indian tribes having received grants in excess of their accurate formula allocation which in turn causes all other Indian tribes to be technically underfunded for that same year. To address this recurring problem, the Department has in the past recouped prior year awards made in excess of eligibility by offsetting current year awards. The Committee believes that this practice is within the Department's authority. To ensure that the Native American Housing Block Grants—Formula program are allocated accurately and in accordance with statutory requirements, the Committee directs the Department to continue the practice of offsetting formula allocations in fiscal year 2021 should it receive data indicating that an overpayment occurred, provided the Department takes action within 3 years from the date the Formula Response Form is sent out. If the Department recoups funds from a tribe and a subsequent appeals process determines that the funds should not have been recouped, the Committee directs the Department to increase the tribe's next funding allocation, following the final appeals determination, equal to the amount of the improperly recouped funds.

**11. Report Language:**

**Training and technical assistance:** The Committee recommendation provides \$7,000,000 for training and technical assistance needs in Indian country to support the Native American Housing Block Grants program, the Indian Community Development Block Grants program, and other HUD programs in order to meet the needs of Native American families and tribal communities. The Committee directs HUD to use this funding to aid tribes with capacity challenges. The funding should be used for training, contract expertise, inspections, and other services necessary to address needs identified by tribes. Of the total funding provided, no less than \$2,000,000 shall be awarded to a national organization as authorized by section 703 of NAHASDA.

**12. Report Language:**

**Reservation housing:** The Committee recognizes the importance of housing assistance provided as a result of NAHASDA and encourages the Department to support efforts by tribes to renovate substandard reservation housing. HUD has an obligation to ensure that housing in its inventory is transferred to Indian tribes, TDHEs, or eligible Native American families as expeditiously as possible.

**13. Report Language:**

**Coastal tribes:** The Committee understands that several coastal tribal communities are actively working to relocate homes and other critical infrastructure to higher ground to mitigate the impacts of climate change. The Committee encourages HUD to prioritize funding and technical assistance resources to support these efforts and to encourage the use of resilient building and planning practices throughout Indian Country.

**14. Program: Indian House Loan Guarantee Fund Program**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$1,600,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$2,000,000

FY20 Enacted: \$1,600,000

**15. Program: Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grant**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$4,000,000

FY21 Budget Request: \$0

FY20 Enacted: \$2,000,000

**16. Program: Native Hawaiian Housing Loan Guarantee Fund Program**

FY21 Committee Recommendation: \$--

FY21 Budget Request: (-\$2,000,000)

FY20 Enacted: \$--

**\*\* rejects the budget proposal to rescind \$2,000,000 in unobligated balances from section 184A, does not provide new funding for the program as it continues to operate on a negative subsidy basis and has sufficient balances of prior year loan guarantee limitation to continue making section 184A loans.**